Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 21, line 22 with the following amended paragraph:

After the seal ring 120 and the spring washer 130 have been installed, the retainer ring 100 may be inserted into the bore 108 of the body ~~108~~ 40 along the longitudinal direction 12 in such a manner that the sleeve 104 of the retainer ring 100 rests directly within the second end 50, as shown in Figure 3. The sleeve 104 may then abut or be disposed directly adjacent to the peripheral lip 134 of the spring washer 130 so that the retainer ring 100 keeps the spring washer 130 in place. The spring washer 130, in turn, keeps the seal ring 120 in place.